

RESOLVED, That the resolution made by the Convention of this province, held at the city of Annapolis in December last, "That no person ought to kill any lamb dropt before the first day of May yearly, or other sheep after the first day of January then next, under four years of age," be repealed, so far as it relates to the killing of lamb; but it is earnestly recommended, that the continental resolve respecting the killing of sheep be most strictly observed.

RESOLVED, That in all suits and actions now depending or commenced within this province, where there is no real dispute, the suitors and attorneys proceed, with all convenient speed, to settle the same by judgment, reference, or other amicable way; and that all suits and actions now depending or commenced (where there are real disputes, and which cannot be settled in an amicable manner, or tried with justice to the parties) ought to stand and remain, during these times of public calamity, in their present state and condition, or be continued until otherwise ordered by act of assembly, or some future Convention; save and except only that bail may surrender their principals in their own discharge, and for want of other bail, that the principal may be committed; and that hereafter proper provision ought to be made, by act of assembly, for re-initiating, re-establishing, and prosecuting the business of the courts, and for barring the act for the limitation of suits.

RESOLVED, That in all suits and actions now depending or commenced, the depositions of any witness or witnesses, taken before two justices of any county court, or one of the justices of the provincial court of this province, in presence of the adverse party to him that requires such depositions to be taken, if upon due notice he thinks fit to be present, or upon notice doth refuse to be present, (the notice being proved) ought to be received as good evidence in any of the courts of this province, as if such evidence were personally present upon the trial, and should declare the same viva voce; provided such witness or witnesses cannot be had at the trial of the cause in which such depositions shall be taken.

RESOLVED, That no civil original writ, suit, or action, shall be commenced or renewed in any court of law, or any magistrate's warrant of a civil nature issued, within this province, after publication and due notice of this resolve, unless in the following cases, to wit. actions founded in wrong done to the person or property; such as ejectment, trespass, trover, replevin, detinue; also all real actions, actions for words, and for money or tobacco actually had and received by one person for the use of another; attachments under the late act of assembly, and against persons non resident; actions or process on loan office bonds; without the licence or permission of the committee of observation of the county where the debtors or defendants reside, which shall or may be granted in the instances and manner herein after mentioned, and not otherwise; that the said committees respectively do, upon application, give licence for bringing or prosecuting suits in the following cases, that is to say, when debtors refuse to renew their obligations or other securities, or to give reasonable security, or to liquidate and settle their accounts and give promissory notes for the balances, or to refer their disputes, if any, to one or more indifferent persons, or are justly suspected of intention to leave the province, or to defraud their creditors; and that the said committees may in their discretion grant licences in the following cases, to wit. for the bringing actions by and against executors and administrators, as such, and their securities, and for the bringing actions against guardians for the recovery of filial portions, or the rents and profits of orphans estates.

RESOLVED, That no execution shall issue upon any judgment obtained in the provincial court after April term last, or in the county courts after the last March adjourned courts, without such licence as aforesaid, save only in the cases above specified, or where